

# Torrance Voters Join Reagan-Finch Sweep

## \$9 Million School Bond Issue Wins

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## Third Try Is Charm

A \$9 million bond issue for the Torrance schools was approved Tuesday as more than 45,000 of the city's eligible voters went to the polls.

Approval of the bond issue came on the third attempt this year. Voters rejected bond proposals in February and again during the June primary elections.

Incomplete and unofficial returns gave the bond issue an easy two-thirds majority. With 240 of the 242 precincts reporting there were 29,644 votes for the bonds and 14,174 votes against the issue.

Proposition 4, a state ballot measure which would reduce the majority required for approval of bonds at a general election to 60 per cent, appeared losing on the basis of early returns.

Nearly 86 per cent of the city's voters cast ballots.

Passage of the school bonds means funds will be available for classroom construction without an increase in the school tax rate. The Board of Education had indicated it would impose additional taxes to finance school buildings if the bond issue had failed rather than call a fourth election.

Most pressing need in the city's schools is at the elementary level, where nearly 900 youngsters currently are attending classes on double sessions. Some 30 additional classrooms will be needed to end double sessions and provide for expected increases in enrollment in the next year, school officials have reported.

Board President William J. Hanson hailed the passage of the bond issue as "a true community effort," and said he wanted "to thank everyone who worked to explain the school building needs to the voters."

"The Press-Herald was extremely helpful," Hanson added, "and the citizen's committee and PTAs did superb jobs."

The new bond issue is expected to meet the needs of the city's schools for the next three to four years. Voters last approved a bond issue in 1963 and funds from that issue—\$8 million—were exhausted earlier this year.

Passage of the proposal also means some \$700,000 in general fund monies which had been committed to pay for projects currently under construction probably will not be used. Instead, bond funds probably will be available to meet those payments.

### Stamp Quiz Set

A stamp quiz prepared by Don Rogers will highlight next Monday's meeting of the Torrance Stamp Club. Rogers is a student at California State College at Long Beach. The club will meet at the Scott Park Community Building, 23410 Caticall Ave., Wilmington, at 7:30 p.m.



**WEATHER WATCHER . . .** Pretty Susan Foster, currently reigning as Miss Torrance, got her rain gear and umbrella together just in time to greet the sun Tuesday following the heavy rains here. She's being advised to keep the protective clothing handy as the weatherman calls for increasing cloudiness on Thursday. Monday's rains dumped more than 3 inches of rain on much of the Southland. (Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

## Trustees Halt Planning For Child Care Facility

Planning for a proposed new Child Care Center for the Torrance schools was ordered halted Monday by the Board of Education.

Trustees accepted preliminary plans, but questioned the wisdom of further planning since construction of the proposed center is at least three years away.

Preliminary plans were started last April after trustees had approved a recommendation that a new center be built adjacent to Magruder Elementary School in North Torrance. Preliminary plans were needed to get accurate cost estimates, trustees were told.

**FUNDS FOR** construction of the center, to be built at an estimated cost of \$280,000, will be raised through a special 2-cent tax levied by the board this year.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts objected to accepting the preliminary plans because, she said, she felt advance planning did not have to be done at this time. "In my mind," she told the board, "this has no place in the educational tax dollar. It's babysitting and we shouldn't be paying for it."

The board voted 3-1 to accept the preliminary plans and pay the architect his fee—about \$4,200. Further planning is to be held until board approval is given, trustees warned.

The Child Care Center is to the North High gymnasium. A \$745,000 project currently is under way at the school.

Children are left at the center about 7 a.m. and return home about 6 p.m. Those youngsters of school age attend classes at Magruder Elementary School, then return to the center, the board was told.

Facilities now located adjacent to Torrance High are inadequate, Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent for special services, said. Relocating the center at Magruder School also will eliminate the need to transport children to the school for classes, he said.

**IN OTHER** action trustees: Voted to express concern about problems which could arise in connection with the development of a proposed rubbish dump in the Waller area. Plans for the dump have been turned down by the city's Planning Commission, but City Councilmen will have the final say.

Approved a series of non-athletic contests in which the schools will be allowed to participate during the current school year. Included are essay, poster, safety, and photography contests, as well as several speech tournaments and college journalism days.

Approved a series of change orders to alterations

## Move to Change Mayor Election Soundly Beaten

Proposition Z which would have changed the method of selecting the mayor of Torrance was soundly rejected by the voters Tuesday. With a near record 86 per cent of the city's 54,878 voters casting ballots, nearly complete returns early today show 'Z' was trailing with 29,061 No votes to 14,616 Yes votes.

Put on the ballot as a last-minute item by a City Council bloc, the amendment was designed to take the selection of the mayor away from the voters and hand it to a City Council majority. The move was opposed by the Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the League of Women Voters.

The Press-Herald opposed the measure as a fraudulent attempt to mount a back door recall against Mayor Albert Isen.

ISEN SAID he was "gratified with the result of this abortive recall attempt" and labeled the move "one in which there was no way to fight back. I had to take the smears and abuse in stride."

The mayor said it was apparent that "thousands of dollars had been spent for the only purpose of trying to unseat me, since, as the city attorney ruled, Proposition Z would have become effective immediately and I would have been neither mayor nor a councilman."

"Since there seems to be so much more than meets the eye," Isen added, "my message to the good people of our city is to at all times be vigilant. This was an attempt to take over by private interests and the city would have been the loser."

"I shall be constantly alert on matters which come before the council," he added.

MRS. WILLIAM Radcliffe, president of the League of Torrance Voters, expressed her gratitude at the outcome this morning and said the League would continue to press for a charter review and would continue to oppose piecemeal revisions.

The League had charged the Proposition Z had been drawn up "in haste at the height of personal differences within the City Council."

Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., one of the four sponsors of Proposition Z, has promised to press for the charter review as suggested by the League, Mrs. Radcliffe said.

City, county, and state offices and schools will be closed Friday in observance of Veterans' Day. Federal offices, including the post office, also will be closed.

Most banks will be closed, but retail businesses will be open, Press-Herald deadlines remain unchanged.



**SACRAMENTO BOUND . . .** Ronald Reagan, who was elected governor of California in a landslide vote yesterday, is shown here meeting Torrance fans during a spirited rally here Saturday. Reagan, Finch, and other GOP candidates appeared at a giant rally as one of the last of the major stops of the campaign. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Torrance Strong For Reagan, Finch

Torrance voters, trooping to the polls Tuesday in near-record numbers, gave Republican Ronald Reagan a 240-1 majority in his successful bid to unseat two-term Democrat Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

Reagan polled 32,254 votes

in Torrance with all but two of the city's precincts reporting. Brown got 14,298 and 73 voters chose to write-in names.

Robert Finch, who unseated Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson, carried the city by the same 240-1 majority.

### United Crusade Drive Gains . . .

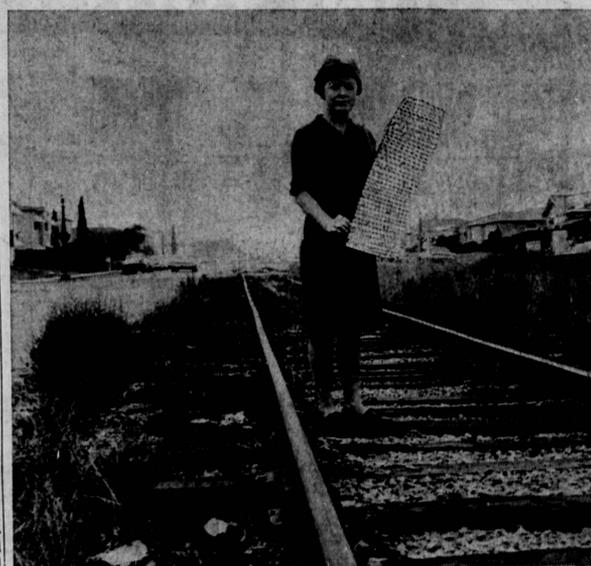
Contributions to the United Crusade goal of \$260,000 are rapidly approaching the half-way mark in the Harbor Area, campaign leaders reported this morning. The campaign opened officially on Sept. 29 and will end on Nov. 22. Community campaigns in San Pedro, Torrance, Wilmington, Gardena, Harbor City, Lomita, and Palos Verdes have tallied \$112,803. Volunteer campaigners are scheduled to make formal progress reports during a luncheon meeting next Wednesday at Los Verdes Country Club.

### Veterans Day Ceremonies . . .

District Attorney Evelle J. Younger will be the featured speaker at the seventh annual International Sacred Torch Ceremony in the Court of Liberty at Forest Lawn at 11 a.m. Friday when veterans from throughout the world will carry torches to the colorful pageant. Torches kindled at national shrines Belgium, France, Great Britain, Mexico, Israel, and Italy will be dedicated to the memory "of the great cost at which our free world was saved" at the hour the armistice ending World War I was signed. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn will be guest speaker in ceremonies at the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena beginning at 10 a.m. Friday.

### Wilmington Man Killed . . .

Thirty-seven-year-old Ignacio Miranda Bunsalido of Wilmington died Monday evening at Harbor General Hospital from injuries he suffered in a head-on collision on Alameda Street north of Lakme Avenue in Wilmington. Bunsalido, a Navyman, was stationed at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station. Lemorie Waymire of Provo, Utah, driver of the second vehicle, escaped without apparent injuries.



**CLEANUP DEMANDED . . .** Mrs. James Hooven, 734 Sartori Ave., displays copy of petition demanding that steps be taken to clean up the railroad right of way on Sartori between Torrance Boulevard and Dominguez Street. Mrs. Hooven said the residents had written letters to city officials and two years ago were promised assistance, but received none. More than 80 residents have signed the petitions, Mrs. Hooven said. (Press-Herald Photo)